

BIENNIAL REPORT  
OF THE  
STATE LIBRARIAN  
FOR THE

TWO FISCAL YEARS ENDING NOV. 30, 1908.

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*To the HON. ROBERT B. GLENN, Governor; HON. J. BRYAN GRIMES, Secretary of State, and HON. J. Y. JOYNER, Superintendent of Public Instruction, as Trustees of the State Library.*

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to submit to you my report of the years 1907 and 1908, showing the additions made to the Library during that period by purchase, exchange and donations; also books disposed of as provided for by law.

In order that we do not have too much repetition in our report, I will call the attention of those who feel an interest in matters connected with the State Library to the last report, made in 1905 and 1906, which goes more fully into detail. Prof. R. D. W. Connor, Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Society, has been appointed a member of the purchasing committee to take the place of Professor Moses, resigned.

We have added to the State Library in the past two years by purchase 325 volumes books and 50 pamphlets, and by donation 73 volumes books and 64 pamphlets. Received through exchange 976 volumes books and 505 pamphlets. Received from the General Government 269 volumes books and 1,553 pamphlets. A few years ago the Board of Trustees decided to quit the purchase of books of fiction unless written by a North Carolina author, and to purchase mainly books of reference, history, biography, etc., especially all books, booklets and pamphlets by North Carolina writers. The patronage of the State Library by the various schools and colleges of North Carolina has greatly increased within the past two years. Our collection of North Carolina news-